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Subject: FW: Schnitzer
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Chip,
Any idea how to respond? I'll be gone 6/9, but can talk when I see you early next week

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From: Jane Harris [mailto:jane@gorgefriends.org]
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Subject: Schnitzer

Hi Chip and Jim,

Thanks for attending the conference on Saturday. I got very positive feedback and I hope you both found it useful from the public's perspective.

I wanted to get back to you on a complaint I received from a worker at Schnitzer. I have heard this complaint from many dockworkers and fishermen and am frustrated that DEQ will not take serious action to get Schnitzer to clean up their sloppy operations. This latest gentleman tried going to the company for results and was told they were in compliance with their permits. That is always the story reported to me and nothing ever gets cleaned up or handled properly. I would like two things to happen: I would like to get the water sample that he brought in tested for metals. He took the sample from a holding pond with a big health warning sign on it and it should be easy to find out on the dock. This should not be expensive and the water test lab could do it easily. Then I would like you to take the photos he sent me and go to the area ,unannounced ,and check it out. It does no good to call ahead because they clean up their operations, so if that's the action don't bother.

I would appreciate a sincere attempt to do something about this on-going problem. They are dumping the very things we are spending millions of dollars to clean up and I am tired of the public trying to do the right thing and getting no results. Many of these people, including this man are risking their jobs.

Let me know if you want the photos.

Thank you.

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